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ITS

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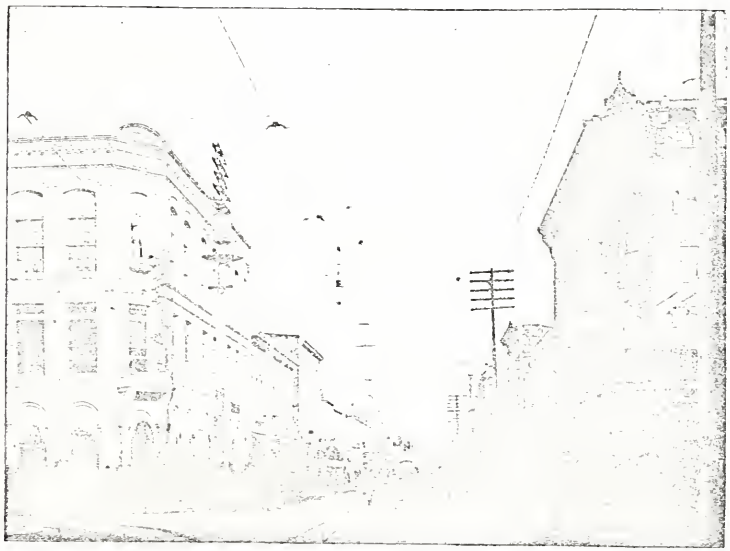
MUNCIE OF TO-DAY.

THE WONDERFUL GROWTH OF THE MAGIC CITY.

THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

MUCH has been said and written within the past six years concerning the wonderful growth and manufacturing development of the city of Muncie. It is not difficult to form in the mind a distinct picture of Muncie as it was prior to the discovery of natural gas, in the fall of 1886. At that period there were not to exceed 5,000 souls in the city, dependent chiefly upon an area of 400 square miles of rich agricultural soil, which yielded bountifully and formed chiefly the only revenue of the county. For fifty years the business interests of the city depended upon the farmer, for their trade and business success. Manufacturing had been scarcely considered in connection with the city's growth, and not until the discovery of natural gas did the transformation from a staid old agricultural county seat to a manufacturing centre really begin. But few if any cities in the State are so favorably located as Muncie. Its present site was laid out as early as 1827, and its altitude above the banks of White River impresses one with the especial fitness of the location for a large city. The early



MAIN STREET LOOKING EAST.

pioneers of the city and county were mainly of New England origin, and to them the agricultural facilities of the soil in Delaware county afforded opportunities not attained in the East, and for half a century our population and growth kept pace with the development of the farm. However, with the discovery of natural gas in 1886 a new era of prosperity was opened to view. New life and activity was taken on. As one man our people saw the possibilities for the future of Muncie as a manufacturing center, and from that hour to the present the grand work of transformation has been steadily going forward. From an agricultural city of 5,000 souls in 1886 we have to-day 22,285 actual, bona-fide residents of the city, as enumerated and shown by the Public School authorities and also by the City Directory and Gazetteer just published.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Muncie as seen to-day is a marvel to those acquainted with Muncie a decade of years ago, and prior to the discovery of natural gas. The thrift, energy, enterprise, and stability that have characterized the history of Muncie since 1886, and during the financial cataclysm which has passed over the country during the past two years, have astonished even our own people. With each succeeding year came a steady growth, and additional evidences of business and manufacturing prosperity, and to-day we find the most sanguine expectations of our citizens realized. This in a measure is accounted for by the fact that Muncie occupies a trade center, both in manufacturing and agriculture. The city has the largest gas field from which to draw fuel supply to run her factories of any city in the great Indiana gas belt. The value of this position to the city can not be estimated; but to give the reader some idea of the benefit to Muncie we cite the increase of $5,615,600 in the property valuation of the city since the year 1886, and an increase of over 17,000 in her population.

From the foregoing figures it can be readily understood what Muncie is to-day. Her values are staple, business prosperous, and growth steady and satisfactory. Another important factor contributing to the growth of Muncie is our shipping facilities, with the C. C. C. & St. L., (Big Four) extending to Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and other large cities to the East, and Indianapolis, St. Louis, Chicago, and cities of the West; the L. E. and Western, running from Peoria, Illinois, to Sandusky, Ohio, crossing the States of Indiana and Illinois, and connecting our trade with Lakes Michigan and Erie and the Ft. Wayne, Cincinnati and Louisville furnishing North and South connections with the northern pineries and Lakes, and with Southern trunk lines. Two other roads are now in course of construction, the Chicago and South Eastern, which runs from Muncie as at present contemplated, to Chicago. Work is now progressing on this line; the other contemplated line is the Indiana and South Western, which when completed connects Muncie direct with the Indiana coal fields. Only about twenty miles of this line remain to be finished, upon which most of the grading has been done and had it not been for the panic of 1893 it would no doubt now be in operation. In addition to the present shipping facilities, the city has belt-road accommodations reaching to the factory districts.

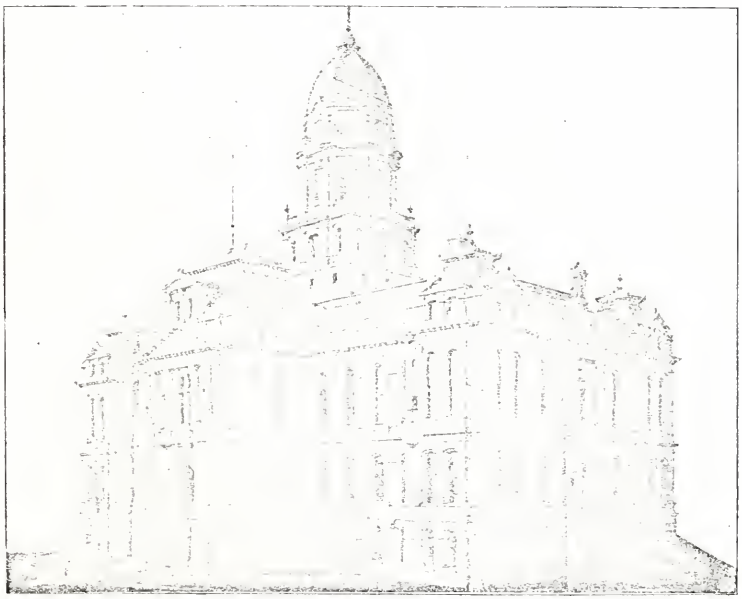
OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

From the old log school house that stood on the banks of White River fifty years ago, we now look out and see twelve school buildings, six of which are large brick structures of modern architecture and convenience with a perfect arrangement for heating, ventilation, and lighting. No greater triumph has been chronicled in the history of any city, or placed to the credit of any people in school advantages, than are now afforded the citizens of Muncie. There are employed in these schools at this writing seventy-six teachers, giving instruction in all branches of Common School Education, including Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Astronomy, Physics, Chemistry, Latin, Book-keeping, Rhetoric, Literature, Music and History. Students graduating from the High School of the city are admitted to the Freshman class of the State University without further examination, which fact alone establishes beyond question the high standard and excellency of the Muncie schools.

A conservative estimate of the value of the public school property of Muncie to-day is $296,000. Of this sum $120,000 is invested in the High School building and grounds. These values will be increased more than one-half in a very few years, from the fact that every school building in the city is located on a full block, which affords a nice park of over one acre in connection with each building. The school population of the city as shown by the last enumeration, taken in May 1894, is 5,620. The increase in our population during the past year will add several hundred more to the enumeration of last May.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

THE growth and development of cities very generally indicate the business management of Municipal Government. Muncie has been most fortunate in this important matter during the years of her rapid growth and increase in population. Men of known business integrity and qualifications have been called to administer public affairs, and consequently no scandals or corrupt practices which too often affect the interests of the people have entered into the history of Muncie's Municipal Government. The city is divided into 6 wards with 2 councilmen from each, thereby giving all parts of the city an equal representation and voice in the administration of public affairs. In the subdivision of the city into wards or districts, the taxpayers in the more sparsely settled portions of the city secure in representation the same rights and consideration accorded the central and densely populated districts, thus securing alike the welfare of the whole people.



COURT HOUSE.

The officers of the city are the Mayor, City Clerk and Treasurer, who are elected by a popular vote of the people. These offices like those of Councilmen have for years been filled by men of known capability and integrity. The city school Trustees or Commissioners, the City Civil Engineer, the Street Commissioner, Chief of Fire Department, the Superintendent of the City's Electric Lighting Plant, and City Librarian, are all selected by the City Council and hold their several positions subject at all times to competent and faithful

service in the discharge of the duties of their offices. The City Building in which are located the Mayor's Office, Council Chamber, Committee rooms, Public Library, the City Clerk's and Treasurer's offices, and Fire Department No. 1, and Firemen's Rooms, is a modern two-story brick structure, centrally located and suitably arranged for the purposes intended. Fire Department No. 2 is located in the southern portion of the city the building and grounds belonging to the city. These stations are connected with all parts of the city by the Gamewell fire alarm telegraph, and with a paid fire department on duty day and night, affording quick and effective service. Muncie can justly claim to be one of the best protected cities in the country against losses from the fire fiend.

MAYOR G. W. CROMER.

ed and equipped with a view of supplying the city with the best possible service. Arc lights are placed at every alternate street crossing throughout the city affording alike the same advantages to residents of all sections of the city.

The Electric Lighting Plant owned by the city is modern in all its appointments throughout, and has been construct-

The city library was established in January, 1875. From a small beginning it has steadily grown until there are now 9,420 volumes of useful and standard works of the leading authors of the country. Miss Katherine A. Wilson, in charge, is an accomplished lady and highly qualified for the important position of Librarian. The Library Board of Directors are Dr. G. W. H. Kemper, President; Mrs. Maggie Driscoll, Secretary; Dr. H. M. Winans, Treasurer; C. F. W. Neely, Mrs. Mary E. Goddard, Mrs. M. Kuechmann and Mr. N. F. Ethell.

Beech Grove Cemetery, a beautiful and artistically improved plat of thirty acres, is owned and cared for by the city government. In this fact the purchasers of cemetery

lots are assured for all time that proper care and maintenance of the city of the dead is an important duty of the city government.

F. A. ELROD, CITY CLERK.

The police regulations of the city are under the management of three Police Commissioners, appointed by the Governor of the State. The commissioners are Vernon Davis, J. V. Gilbert and W. E. Hitchcock, all well known business men of the city. The force is composed of twelve Patrolmen divided equally between the political parties, with a Chief in command. The Board is also divided politically and being thus constituted under the Metropolitan Police laws of the State, the matter of political favors is not probable in the administration of the law. Upon efficient and faithful service the tenure of positions rests, hence the faithful discharge of duty. It is impossible to speak of all the advantages possessed by Muncie in its municipal government. A reference to those who have been called to administer its affairs is a sufficient guarantee that the business of the city is conducted on sound business principles. They are well known business men, some of whom are our heaviest tax-payers. They are:

Mayor,	*Clerk*,
GEO. W. CROMER.	F. A. ELROD.
Treasurer,	*City Civil Engineer*,
T. H. BARTON,	W. H. WOOD.

Councilmen,

JAMES BOYCE,	O. W. CRABBS,
H. C. HAYMOND,	J. C. JOHNSON,
MILTON GRAY,	T. H. KIRBY,
GEO. L. LENON,	A. E. LYMAN,
J. Q. MITCHELL,	J. B. MORELAND,
JOSEPH PORTER,	T. L. ZOOK.

T. H. BARTON, CITY TREASURER.

THE most important interest to the city is our public school government. Recognizing this fact, the best known ability has always been selected to look after our school affairs. The Scho l Board, as now constituted, consists of Joseph A. Goddard, the Wholesale Groceryman, as President; A. L. Kerwood, late President of the Citizens' National Bank, Treasurer; and J. M. Kirby, Wholesale Lumber Dealer, Secretary. These gentlemen for years have given much of their time and best ability to forward the Public School interests of the city, and none have a greater pride in their grand work than the hundreds of graduates from our High School during these years. In this connection it is fitting that mention should be made of Prof William R. Snyder, the efficient and talented Superintendent of our magnificent Public Schools.

WALNUT STREET LOOKING SOUTH.

Prof. Snyder is a native of Pennsylvania, born in the year 1850, in the historic city of Gettysburg; the professor graduated in the schools of Gettysburg in the class of 187-, and it is safe to say that the college of that city never sent out a more successful educator than Prof. Snyder. After teaching a short time in Ohio the professor came to Indiana, and for two years was Principal of the Graded Schools at Waldron, Shelby county, Indiana. For the next two years we find Mr. Snyder in charge of the Public Schools at Acton, Indiana. After this he again returned to Shelby county, where he took charge as principal of the High School of Shelbyville, where he remained continuously for five years. In 1883 Prof. Snyder came to Muncie, on solicitation of the School Board and took an Assistant's position in the High School of the city and later, in 1884, became Principal of the same for three years. At the end of this efficient service he was tendered and accepted the responsible position of Superintendent of the entire Public Schools of the city. During his administration there have been many changes in the schools of the city. The number

Burt H. Whiteley, President. *George F. McCulloch, Vice President.* *Elmer J. Whiteley, Secretary.*

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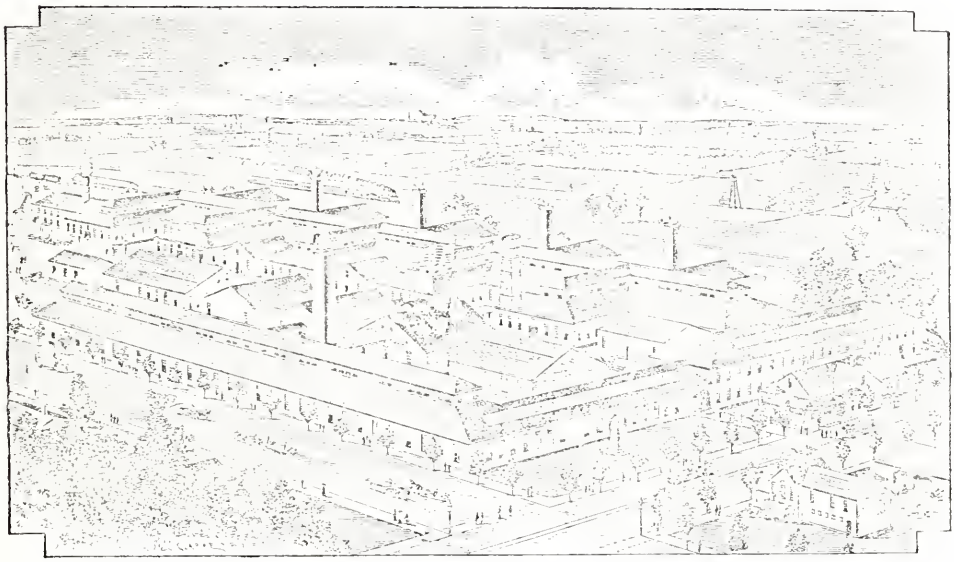

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FLOOR SPACE.

Molding Department 67,949 sq. ft.

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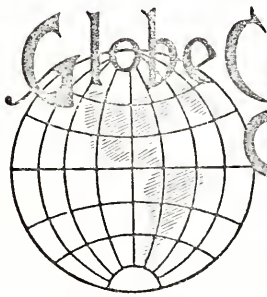

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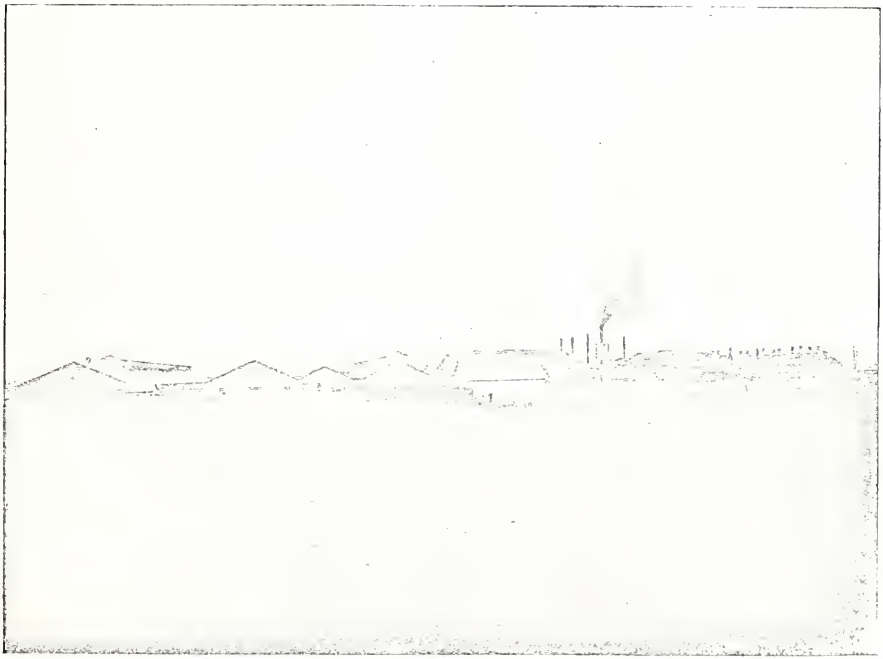
of teachers has increased from twenty to seventy-six, and the enumeration from less than 2,000 to over 6,000. Thus it will be seen that this eminent educator has been with us in the work of all work—that of education and under his administration the Public Schools of Muncie are second to none in our State. In this relation our people point with commendable pride to the many magnificent school buildings and parks surrounding the same and the wonderful success and advancement made in the cause of education.

Another important educational institution is The St. Lawrence Parochial School,



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OUR CHURCHES.

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Methodist-Protestant, Episcopal, Congregational, Church of God, English Lutheran, Calvin Baptist, German Evangelical, United Presbyterian, and Spiritualists, are all represented by nineteen church edifices representing in cash value $310,000 and a total membership of over 10,000 souls. There are many notable church buildings in the city, the old-fashioned square unadorned and unsightly brick structures of former years, so suggestive of cold formality, are being replaced with edifices of great architectural beauty and handsome interior adornment. Perhaps the most attractive of these modern church edifices are the Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, First Christian, and Baptist, which represent a property value of over $200,000. In connection with each church organization we have all the forms of worship, church work and church societies known to the organizations here represented. Thus it will be seen that those who come among us will find the churches of Muncie equal and we believe superior to cities of much larger population. The voice of praise & thanksgiving is ever present with a christian civilization. Akin to the churches are the

MIDLAND STEEL WORKS.

BENEVOLENT AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

The time may have been when our neighbors of the East looked upon us as being on the frontier of civilization. In those days we were called "Hoosiers," which to the "Yankee" signified the "shakes" and liberal doses of quinine between chills. These conditions if they ever existed have all passed away and the early trials and hardships endured by our forefathers have given place to a social condition that is the pride of a progressive citizenship, and which insures to the newcomer pleasant social relations in some one of the many benevolent and social organizations of the city. Among the most important of these societies are the Masonic fraternity, including the Chapter, Council and Commandery; there are six of these organizations and they have some of the finest lodge rooms connected with the order in the State; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows have four lodges in the city, including the Encampment and Patriarchs

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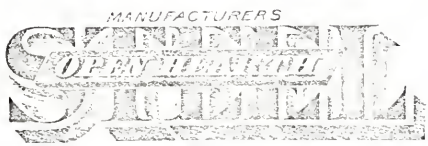

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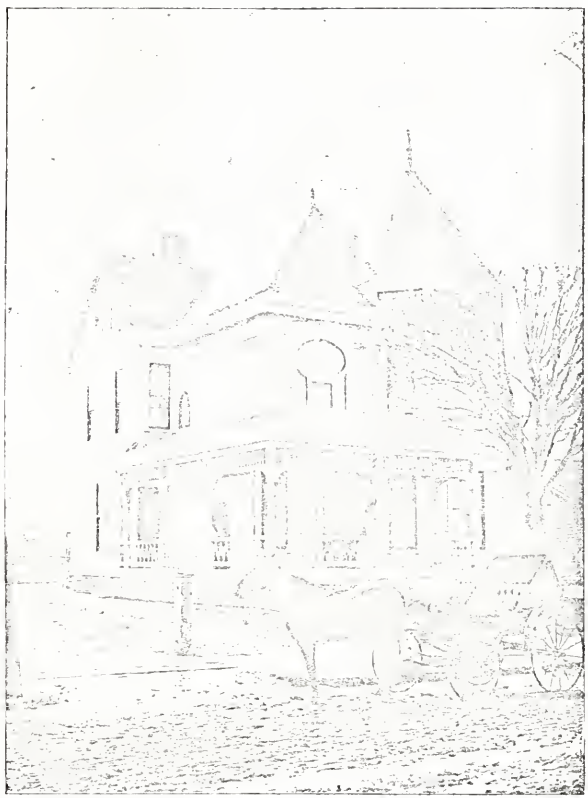

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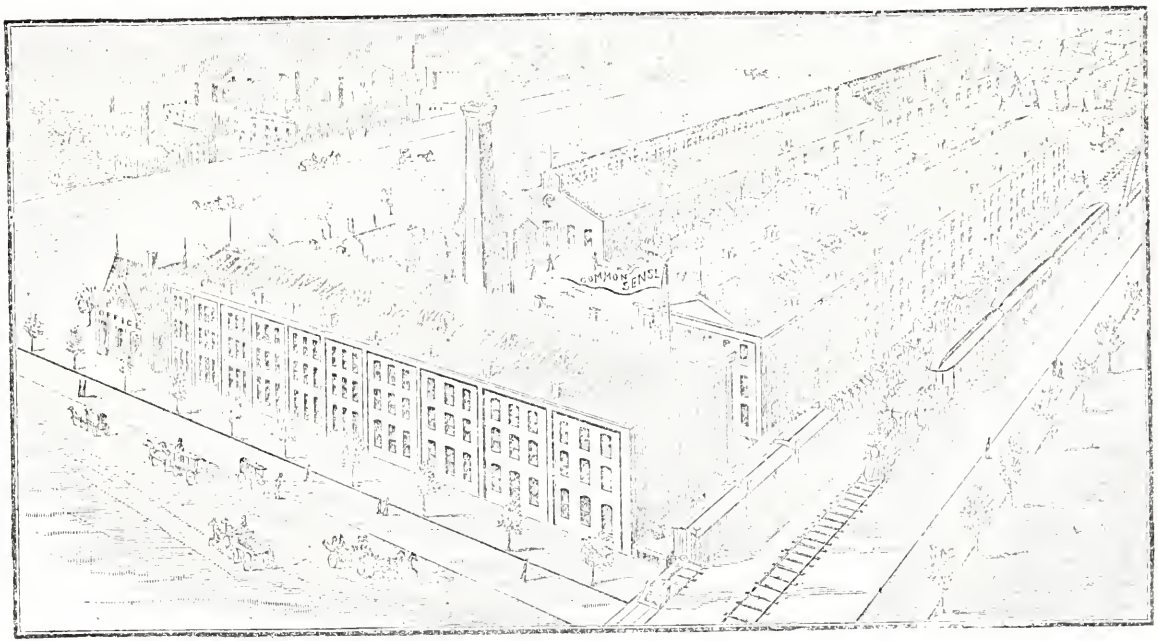

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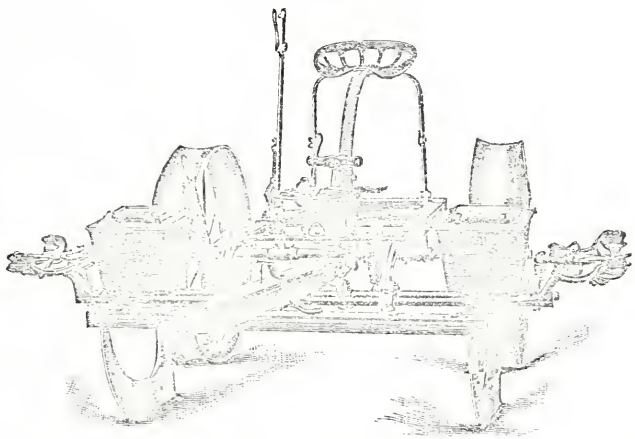

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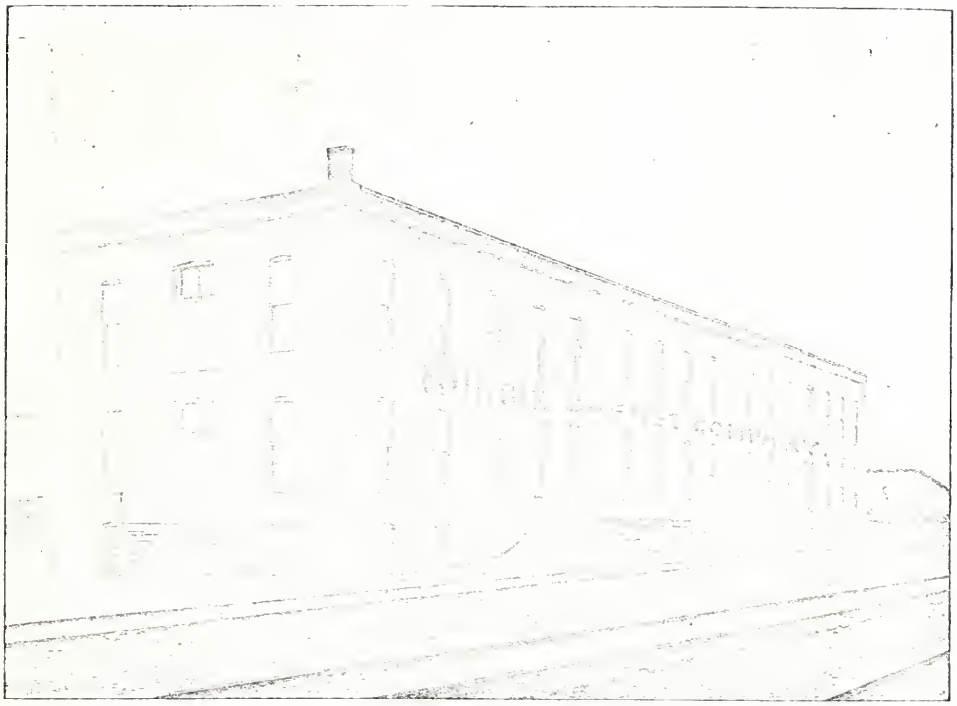
of business men and enterprising citizens of the city. The club is not so much a social organization as it is one of business. The work of the club is mainly devoted to all questions of public interest to the citizens of Muncie and the advancement of her industries and the prosperity of her people. Through the club several important indus-



MUNCIE CASKET COMPANY'S FACTORY.

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

As they exist to-day. In attempting to reach a fair conception of what we may expect for the future of any city, with almost a certainty it can be predicated upon a given state of facts. History to a certain extent repeats itself, if like conditions are maintained and where, as in the history of Muncie, under known conditions, her population has increased over 16,000 and her assessable valuation over $6,000,000 in eight years, what can those say who reason from cause to effect, for the future growth and development of the city? If eight years of natural gas has done so much what will the next decade bring to Mun-

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cie? We are prone to study the past unwittingly and without a thought of the future, as it relates to the growth of cities and their increasing advantages. Experience has taught us that cities, like business avocations, are answerable to the general laws of trade and commerce, and to forecast the future we have only to study the past and present conditions and compare them with those existing to-day. That the reader may be more fully informed of the extent of Muncie's leading industries and the importance of the city as a manufacturing center, we will give in detail a list of our factories, the capital investments, and the annual output in these various lines of industry during the past year, which, it may be said, was far from an encouraging year in the several lines of business enumerated, owing, in part, to the universal disturbances in labor circles, but in greater measure to the general business depression, and what has been aptly termed "the money panic" of 1894. The list which follows is as nearly complete as can be made and is fair, but not too liberal in the statement of capital employed and annual product:

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INDUSTRIES.	CAPITAL.	VALUE ANNUAL PRODUCT.
Ball Brothers' Glass Works,	$560,000	$1,680,000
Nelson Glass Company,	60,000	280,000
Hemingrays' Glass Works,	70,000	240,000
Maring-Hart Glass Company,	220,000	640,000
Muncie Glass Company,	140,000	210,000

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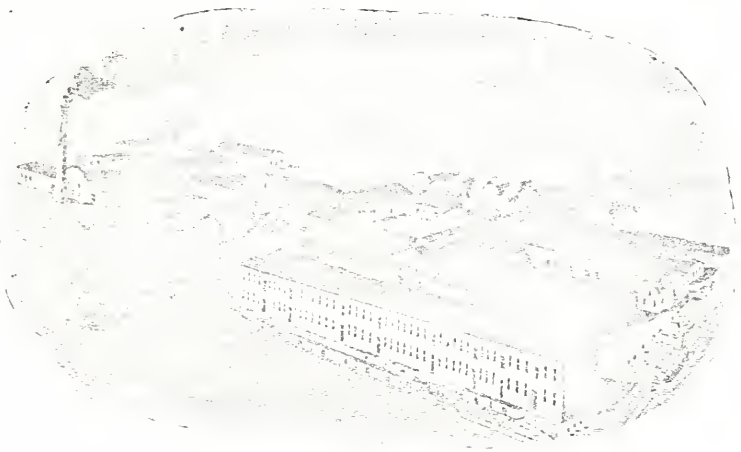

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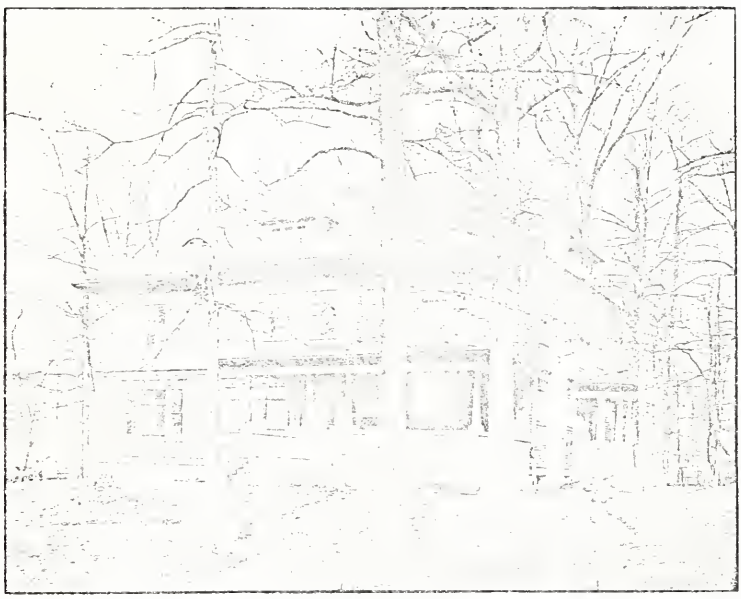
INDUSTRIES.	CAPITAL.	VALUE PRODUCT.
C. H. Over, Window Glass,	175,000	530,000
Muncie Ice Company,	40,000	130,000
Boyce Handle Factory,	35,000	22,000
Four Brick Manufactories,	25,000	40,000
Two Carriage Works,	20,000	35,000
Five Cigar Factories,	35,000	60,000
Two Flouring Mills,	40,000	170,000
Two Hub and Spoke Factories,	25,000	75,000
Indiana Bridge Company,	165,000	360,000
Bartlett Heading Factory,	30,000	60,000
Muncie Casket Company,	35,000	80,000
Muncie Hominy Company,	30,000	80,000
Muncie Rolling Mill,	40,000	100,000
Muncie Pulp Company,	320,000	640,000
Muncie Skewer Company,	30,000	80,000
Five Planing Mills,	40,000	120,000
Port Glass Works,	90,000	270,000
Three Roofing Works,	12,000	40,000
Whiteley Malleable Castings Company,	200,000	800,000
J. H. Smith & Co., Bending Works,	180,000	325,000
Two Saw Mills,	60,000	175,000
Architectural Iron Works,	75,000	280,000
Four Washing Machine Factories,	50,000	150,000
Wysor, Haines & Co.,	60,000	180,000
Common Sense Engine Company,	80,000	230,000
Gill Bros. Pots, etc.,	30,000	80,000
Knitting Mill,	30,000	75,000
Indiana Iron Company,	335,000	860,000
John McVoy & Company,	70,000	140,000
Midland Steel Company,	360,000	980,000
Muncie Wheel Company,	75,000	200,000
Tappan Shoe Company,	60,000	140,000
White River Steel Company,	80,000	200,000
Consumers' Paper Company,	160,000	320,000
Bell Stove Works,	75,000	220,000
Patton Hollow Ware Works,	110,000	195,000
Muncie Iron and Steel Company,	120,000	350,000
Ontario Silver Company, (Now building),	100,000	———
Totals,	$4,667,000	$11,962,000

In addition to these we have a number of smaller factories, incident to a city the size of Muncie, which employ skilled labor, and which produce annually over $100,000 in manufactured products. We cannot pass this important feature in our city, as seen to-day, without calling the attention of the reader especially to our iron industries. It will be seen that these factories produced during the past year four million, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars of manufactured iron. There are no better equipped iron producing industries in the United States than are to be seen in Muncie, and the only fuel used is natural gas,—which in one instance alone saved the proprietors last year over $40,000 in the displacement of coal. After the iron industry, possibly the manufacture of glass comes next. These industries produce window glass, flint and bottle ware, fruit jars and green glassware. The output for these factories last year was three million, nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars. As in the iron mills, natural gas is the only fuel used in the glass factories. In fact, no other fuel is in use in factory or home, and it is estimated that not less than one million dollars' worth of coal is now displaced annually in the city of Muncie by the use of natural gas. The importance of saving this vast sum of money to our own citizens from year to year, and its retention at home and in the business of the city, is one of the features of Muncie to-day of inestimable consideration to her property owners, manufacturers, and business interests, and which guarantees the rapid increase of growth and prosperity in the future.

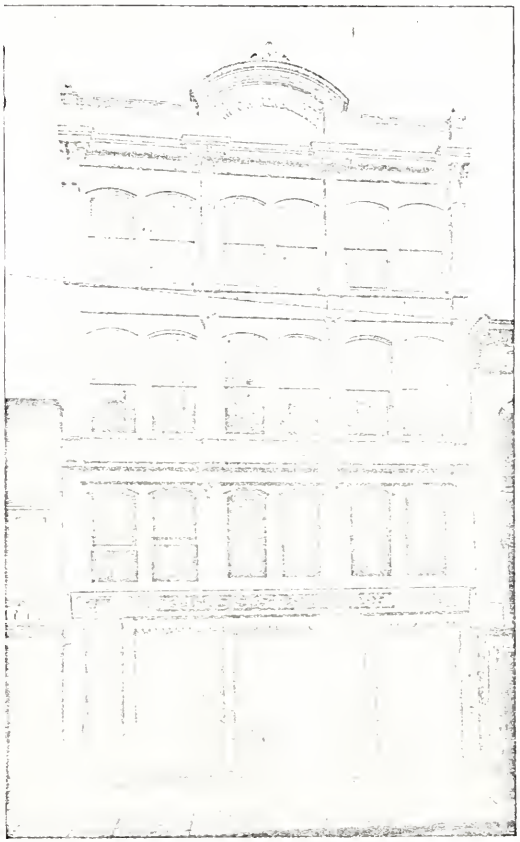


"OAKHURST."—G. A. BALL'S RESIDENCE.

WAGE EARNERS.

Where there are so many varied industries labor will also be found to a proportionate

degree. We cannot give the exact number of this class of citizenship in Muncie, but can speak accurately of those employed in our manufacturing industries. Of these we have in Muncie to-day 6,020, the majority of whom are skilled mechanics, and all of whom find employment in their various lines of trade at remunerative wages. In this statement many small industries are not included, which will add nearly 200 more to the figures of those employed. The most reliable information that can be obtained shows that the daily pay roll of the employes of our city, in our various industries, is $12,000. It is also a notable and highly creditable fact, that as a rule, the wage earners of Muncie are home owners and are prominent citizens and taxpayers of the city, and fully identified with its advancement and growth, in all that goes to make up the enterprise of her people. Possibly no city in the State, or of its size in the country, can show so extensive a labor population as Muncie today, and this fact alone is sufficient evidence of her prosperity. Labor is king—labor produces the wealth of the country.



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FINANCIAL.

In the financial strength of our community we are led to form opinions of its condition and probable future. By this standard Muncie is willing to be measured. Prior to the discovery of natural gas we had two banking houses with a capital stock of $100,000. In those days bank deposits rarely exceeded $300,000. This condition has changed. We now have four banking houses, all operating under the National Banking Laws of the United States, with a combined capital of one-half million dollars. The deposit account of these National Banks, as shown by their last statements, was $917,000, with a combined reserve fund of $377,000. In this showing and the change since

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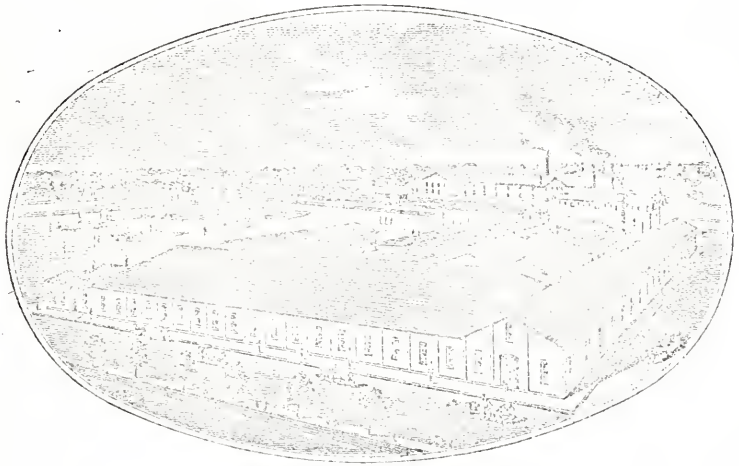

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the use of gas as a fuel, in home and factory, we see one of the most satisfactory evidences of what Muncie is to-day. In this connection it is fitting to speak of our Building and Loan Associations. These associations are the "Peoples' Banks." Through them hundreds of homes have been erected by the wage earners of Muncie, who have come to us to better their condition, and wherever you turn to-day, you can find men of this class, whom these associations made it possible to own their own homes. We have three of these loan associations in Muncie, with combined assets of $680,000. nearly all of which has gone into homes which are being paid for by the owners monthly, at rental value. The association, truly, has illustrated the old adage of "Poor Richard," a month's rent saved by paying for a home, and hundreds of such homes to be seen in and throughout Muncie and suburbs are the highly satisfactory result.

HOME, HEALTH, AND SANITARY.

Under this head we shall treat of Muncie as seen to-day from the standpoint of the home. As a city, Muncie occupies a special and particularly favorable location as to sanitary conditions. There is nothing in its surroundings to cause disease or sickness. The entire county, which constitutes four hundred square miles, is rolling, well drained, and a succession of cultivated farms, with good macadamized, or turnpike roads, reaching out from Muncie, the seat of county government, to all parts of the county. The city is located on the banks of White River, which crosses the county from the east to the west, with good banks and bottom. The main outlet sewer of the city, which was constructed at a cost of $90,000, empties into the river beyond the western boundary of the city, and from thence extends through the heart of the city to a point

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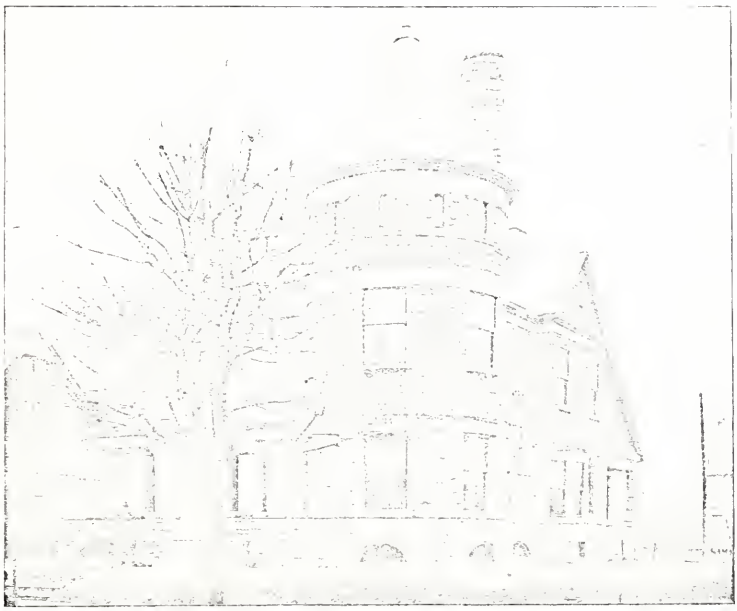
within one-half mile of the river east of the city, and when extended to the river, which will be done in years to come, will afford flushing facilities not possessed by any city in the west. A complete system of cross or intersecting sewers traverse the city in all directions, from the main outlet sewer, thus affording the most perfect disposition of sewerage and deleterious matter which is carried far beyond the city to the river. Supplementing this excellent system of sewerage, we have a fine system of water works and fire protection to all parts of the city. The supply of water for these works is derived wholly from artesian wells, located out of the city limits. These wells are over 350 feet deep, and in this fact and the purity of the water supplied our citizens, they avoid the risk of contamination through impure water, one of the chief sources of infection for propagating disease. To this, mainly, can be attributed the showing of the health reports, which class Muncie as one of the healthiest cities in the United States. Typhoid and kindred diseases are almost unknown in this city, and entirely so where artesian water only is in use. In noting these health advantages we must also include the element of natural gas as another great promoter of health and comfort. In its regulated use, the power is always the same when applied to machinery, the grate or the stove, and by this a steady heat, at any desired temperature, is maintained day and night, which, under all circumstances, promotes surroundings favorable to health throughout the year. Then again, where soot, dust, ashes, coal and wood abide, worry, vexation, cold feet and chilly rooms keep company, and too often at the sacrifice of health. Natural gas has put a veto upon these conditions in Muncie, and to that extent is conducive to health and sanitary con-



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ditions. When the poet sang of "Home, Sweet Home," methinks the writer had in his mind's eye a home in Muncie, where the millennium of comfort and cleanliness is at hand. A home where the old coal bucket stands gilded and filled with some rare flowers, and the fire shovel is decorated and hung on the wall; where the ash heap has disappeared, and the wood pile no longer adorns the back yard to tempt less thrifty neighbors, and where you light a match and turn a key to secure heat and light in parlors, dining rooms, kitchens and bed rooms, which go on and on at pleasure, at a cost of $25 per annum. In such a home the poet could find the ideal of comfort, and Muncie has thousands of such homes in the full enjoyment of nature's greatest blessing. But what of the streets and sidewalks upon which these homes are located? They cannot be surpassed in any city of the population of Muncie in the Union. Last year one and one-half miles of asphalt was laid on two of the principal streets of the city. Twenty blocks more will be put down on business and residence streets, to take the place of the present macadamized and graveled streets. The entire city has as fine and well constructed streets, all at uniform and established grades, as it is possible to construct from stone and gravel. As to sidewalks we now have forty miles of sawed stone, cement and brick sidewalks and graveled walks on all streets not thus improved. The streets in the central portion of the city, or rather that part of the city existing prior to the discovery of natural gas, are all well shaded with desirable forest trees, and in the growth of Muncie the beautifying and improvements of the streets have kept pace with the enterprise of home seekers and home builders. With the improved and established grades of streets and sidewalks it is timely also to note that we have another great promoter of the healthy condition of the city. Surface water readily finds its way to the catch basins and to the sewers, relieving the streets of deleterious substances and insuring cleanliness. As a home city, as a healthy city, Muncie of to-day has a record in the health reports surpassing any city in the country.

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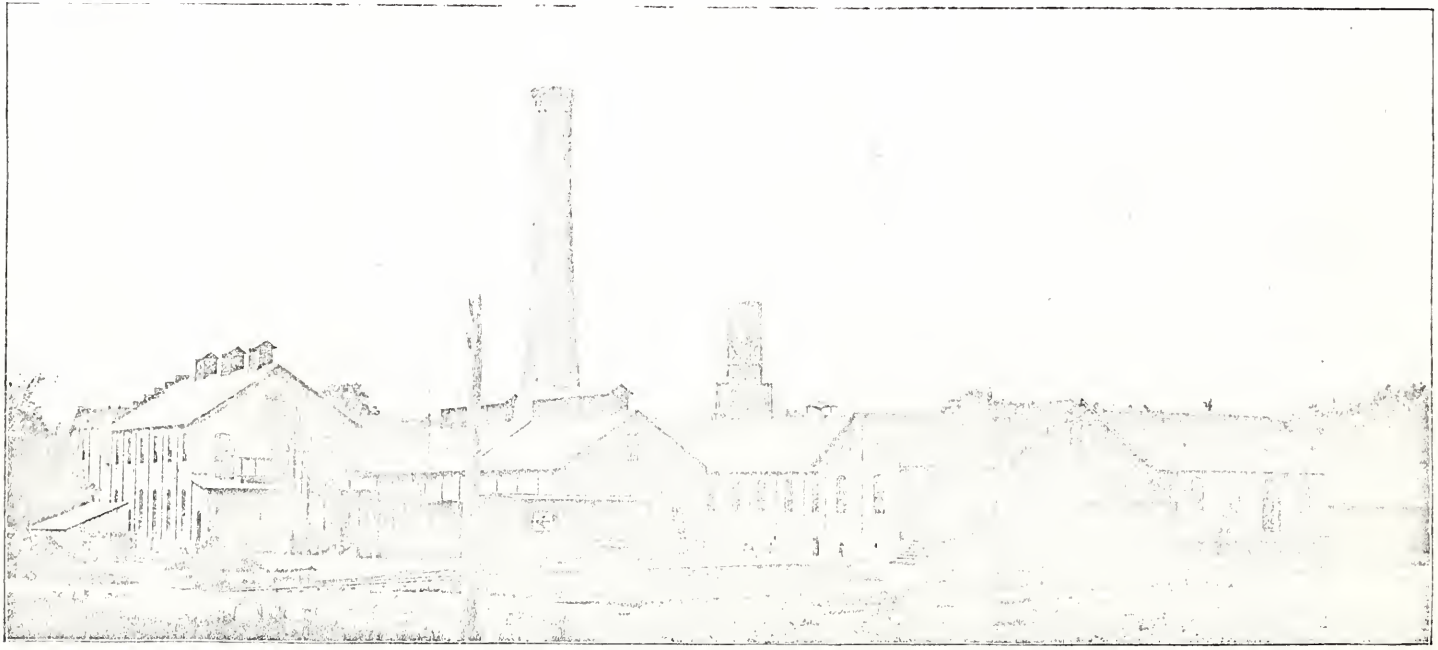
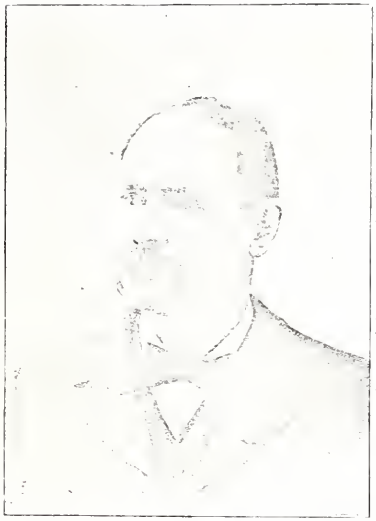


GEORGE W. CROMER, Mayor of Muncie, was born May 13, 1857, in Madison County, Indiana. He came to Delaware county while quite a young man, and lived with his father, Josiah Cromer, on a farm in Salem township, until he had grown to manhood. His education was not neglected, his common school education being supplemented by a collegiate course in the State University at Bloomington, Indiana, graduating in the literary department of that college with the degree of A. B. in 1882. Thus equipped with a good education, he has read and practiced law ever since, except during a period of six months in 1883, when he edited the Muncie Times.



R. W. MONROE, COUNTY AUDITOR.

In May, 1894, he was elected Mayor of Muncie by a large majority over his opponent for the term of four years. In politics he is a Republican, and has served his party faithfully and energetically for the past four years as a member of the Republican State Central Committee. He is sociable and agreeable to all, and takes considerable interest in fraternities. While in college he joined the Beta Theta Pi, a Greek fraternity of high standing with college men. He is an enthusiastic and consistent member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of the Improved Order of Red Men; of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias.

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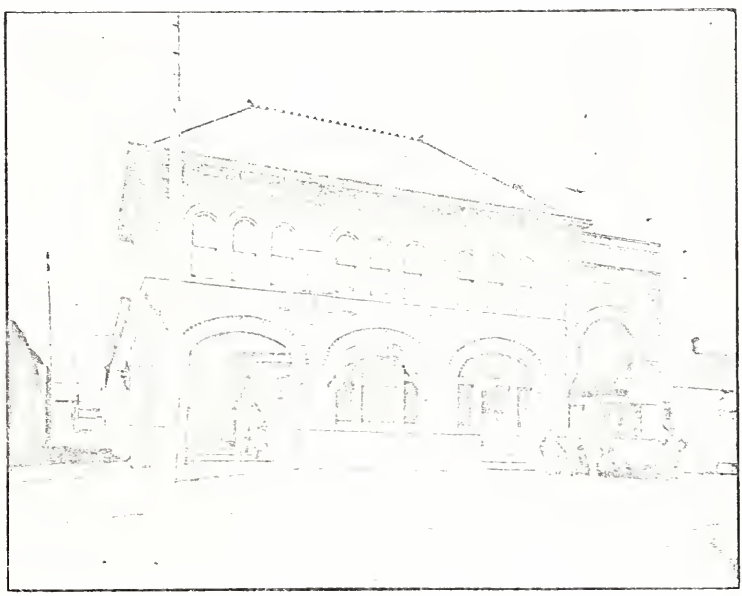

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The Company's Power House, a cut of which appears in this book, is a commodious brick structure, located within one and one-half blocks of the Court House. It is fitted throughout with the most modern machinery and appliances. The power is furnished by three Ideal 150-H. P. Engines, and three 100-M. P. Generators in duplicate, two of which furnish sufficient power to operate the entire road under any conditions. Steam is supplied from a battery of three large boilers. The fuel is natural gas, which is introduced under the boilers in a most approved manner at a very low pressure.

The arrangement of the gas supply and the method of burning it, was recently designed and constructed by E. B. Phillips, the well known gas engineer and expert, to whom credit is due for having designed and constructed a system that under careful and accurate test has proved to be the most economical and efficient yet in use.

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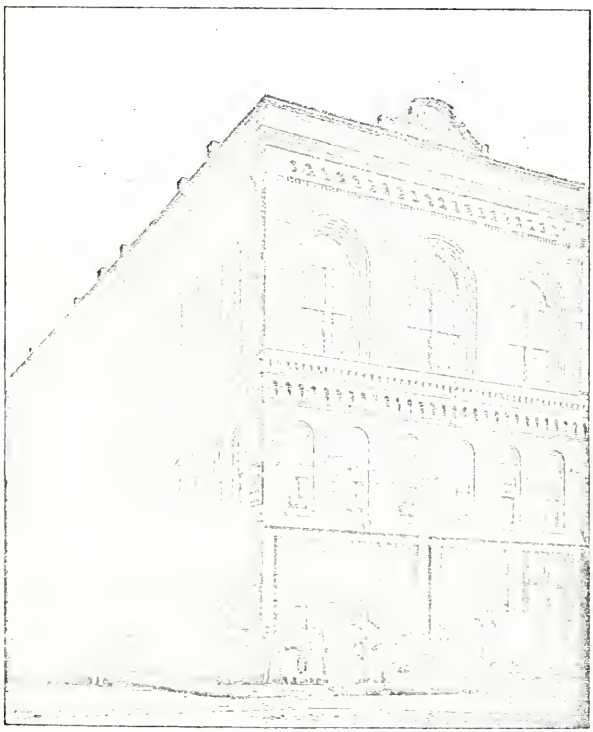

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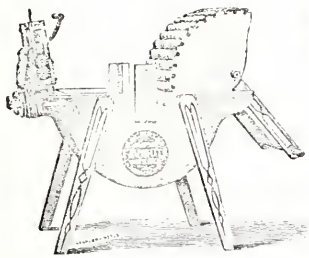

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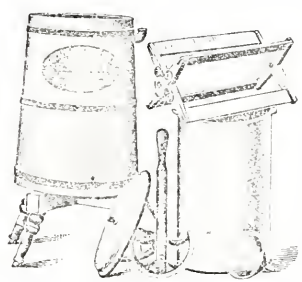

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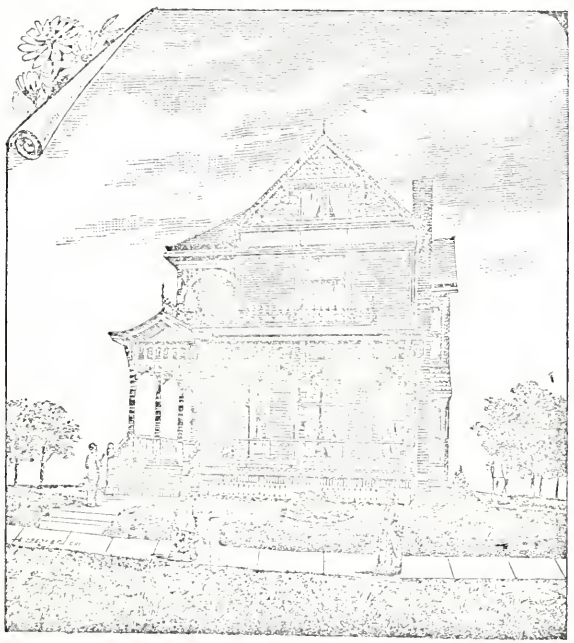
mountains, yet we rival all these and more, when it comes to the advantages in the race of life, the race that makes towns and cities great for their thrift, enterprise, and opportunities. It is business that moves the world. We cannot live on scenery, the picturesque or the beautiful. The bread of life, the opportunity to acquire life's comforts and the forward advance in business pursuits, are the aims of all true Americans. These aims took thousands to the gold fields of the far West. With this aim in view the iron fields of the South were developed: with these aims ever before the human mind, the footsteps of man have kept time to the advance of civilization from the earliest period of our history to the present time. Whatever may have been our experience, the fact still remains that the growth of population, stability in values and opportunities to accumulate property, is where legitimate business investments to the fullest extent, occupy commercial and manufacturing opportunities. Muncie to-day owes all to these facts. Every dollar invested in manufacturing and other lines of business, every day's work given by the mechanic, artist and day laborer in such a city brings its reward. Our steady growth in the past insures a healthy growth in the future. According to the census reports of the United States in 1880, we had a population of 5,208; in 1890 the population as shown by the same reports had increased to 11,339, a gain since the discovery of natural gas in 1886, of 6,131, more than double. In 1891, a little over one year from the taking of the census, our population had increased to 13,858 souls. In January, 1895, a period of four years, we had increased in population, as shown by the Census Directory and Gazetteer of the city, to 22,285 souls. An additional and convincing evidence of Muncie's rapid growth may be seen in the census taken under the laws of the State, requiring the listing of all male inhabitants in the State over twenty-one years of age every six years. The census taken under the law in April, 1889, showed 2,785 male residents of the city over twenty-one years of age. The census taken April,



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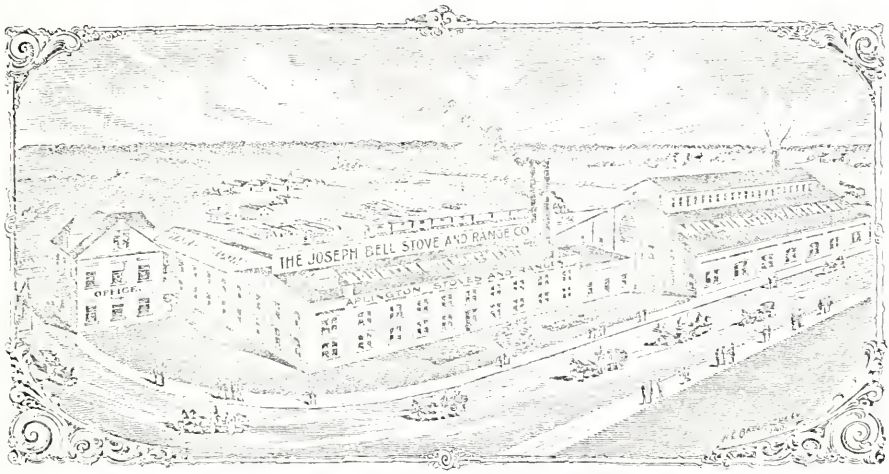

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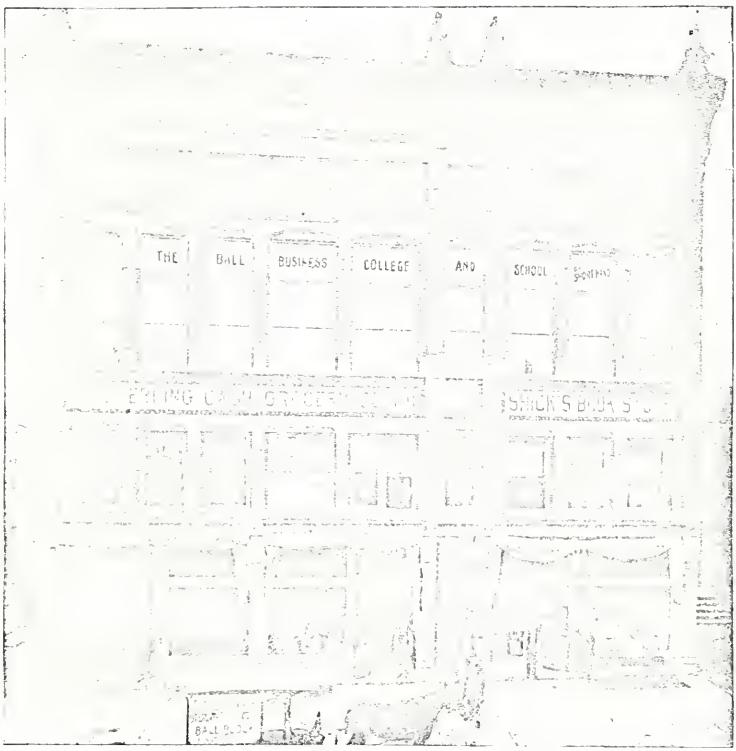
1895 showed an increase of 5,165, making the total male inhabitants of the city over twenty-one, 7,950. If we multiply these figures by three, a low and safe calculation to arrive at the actual population of Muncie, the result is, 23,850, which exceeds by 1,565 the figures given in Emerson's Gazetteer and Business Directory, published in January last, which showed a population of 22,285 souls. Another forcible illustration of the development of Muncie is to be found in the freight handled by our railroads. For the month of March 4,300 car loads of material for manufacturing and manufactured products were received and handled by our railroads for Muncie manufacturers alone. Add to this 648 car loads of freight handled for the business public, aside from the factories and the reader may have a fair conception of the business transacted in our city during that month. Cheap fuel has brought this condition to Muncie, and its extreme cheapness is not the only advantage to be derived from the use of natural gas for factory purposes. To begin with, no fireman is required for the engine. The heat is perfectly uniform at all times, and there is less wear and tear upon machinery thus operated. The decided advantages of natural gas are possibly more apparent in the manufacture of glass and iron than in other lines, especially is it highly prized in edge tool factories and as a fuel in the gray and malleable iron productions its use surpasses all other fuel known to man. Its convenience



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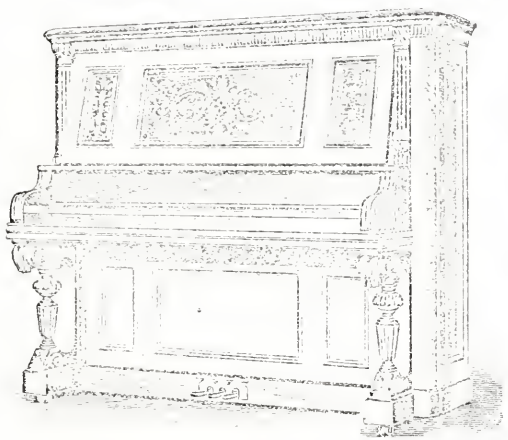

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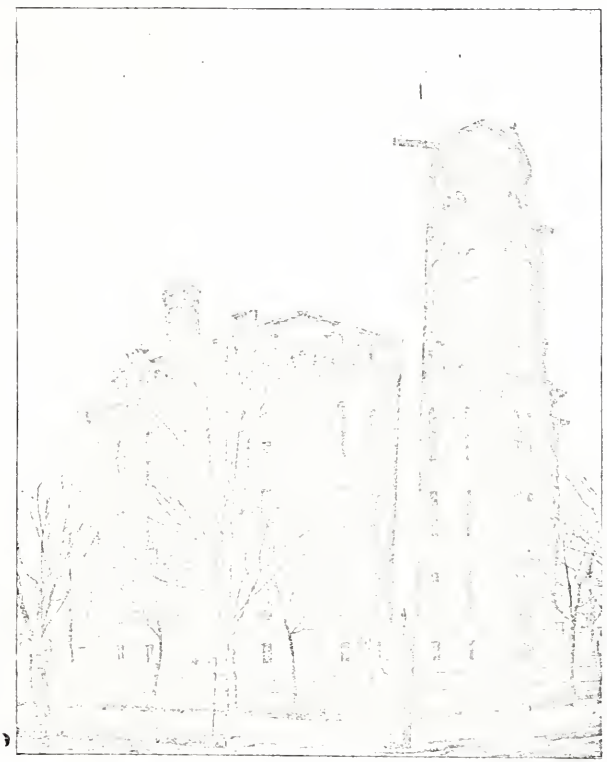

MUNCIE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

The additions of Boyceton, Congerville, Avondale, Forest Park, Westside, Riverside, Wysor Heights, and Whitely, also constitute much of the growth and development of the city in the past four years and are built up with from five to eight room dwellings by mechanics who find daily employment in the numerous factories of the city. In the original site of the city, when containing 6,000 population, the residence property is owned and occupied by the older residents, and as in the case of all rich and prosperous cities, the residences of this portion of Muncie are magnificent and modern in design, architecture and appointments.

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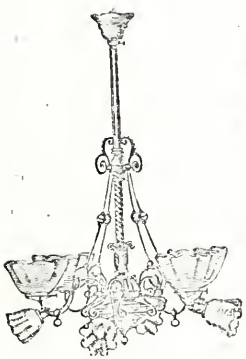

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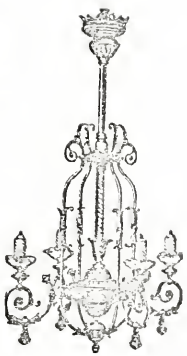

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RALPH S. GREGORY, is a pioneer among the citizens of Muncie. His picture, and also that of his home, appear in this volume. He was born February 28th, 1848 upon the old home farm near this city. He was about fifteen years of age when he entered the schools of Muncie, and after completing the course of study laid down, in the schools of that day, he entered Wabash College, and afterwards completed his collegiate course at Asbury University, now the famous DePauw University, with honors, in the class of '67. He enlisted as a private soldier in Company B, 84th Indiana Infantry, August 8th, 1862, and was discharged for failing health at Shell Mound, Tennessee, with the rank of Orderly Sergeant, having served two years. He was superintendent of the Huntington Public Schools during the years 1868–69; was school examiner and Superintendent of the Public Schools of this (Delaware) county, in 1870. He has always been and is now a firm believer in and advocate of the public school system. He believes that system of education which tenders to all children, without reference to birth, wealth, social position, color or any other conditions, past or present, the best that can be adopted for the liberal, universal education of the masses, and exactly in harmony with our form of government. He believes the sovereign is the citizen. He is a lawyer by profession; was admitted to the bar at Muncie in 1869. He has an extensive practice in the Supreme, Federal and State Courts, and is the senior member of the well known firm of Gregory & Silverburg. He has won great distinction in the profession. In the preparation and management of cases he is a master, and no adversary ever misjudged him in a legal controversy. As an advocate he has few equals. His diction in oratory is a model in logic, reasoning, simplicity, and beauty. Mr. Gregory has grown with Muncie, and gathered his share of this world's goods. He is married and has two children, Walter L. and Florence M. They, together with himself and wife, are seen in the picture on the veranda of his home.

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MUNCIE NEWSPAPERS.

IT has been said and truly, that the thrift, enterprise and the intelligence of any community of people can be fairly measured by its churches, schools, libraries and newspapers. The city of Muncie is highly favored in church and school as the reader may see in these columns. In newspaper publications we have three daily papers, two evening and one morning. The Daily Times, Herald and Morning News, are all well edited and up to date as newspapers, and would be a credit to any city with five times the population of Muncie. The Muncie Weekly Times, The Muncie Weekly Herald, Saturday Pink, Vanguard, and the Weekly News, are all weekly publications and have an extensive circulation in the city and thr'ughout the surrounding territory. The people of Muncie have a pride in their newspapers andgive them a liberal and deserved support.

R. S. GREGORY'S RESIDENCE.

Among the recent improvements on North Walnut street is the Times block, designed and erected by Messrs. Wildman & McClung in 1893, as a permanent home for the Times Book and Job Printing establishment. It is a handsome two-story iron front building, 20½ x 80 feet in the clear, cost about $4,700, and is well adapted to the purposes for which it is used. Their large and increasing business demands more room, h wever, and the building of an addition of 30 feet is already contemplated.

In no direction has greater progress been shown in Muncie than in her newspaper and job printing plants. There are four exclusive job printing offices, all well equipped and apparently profitably operated. No town in the State is better supplied than Muncie with the needed material for the execution of all classes of book and job printing.

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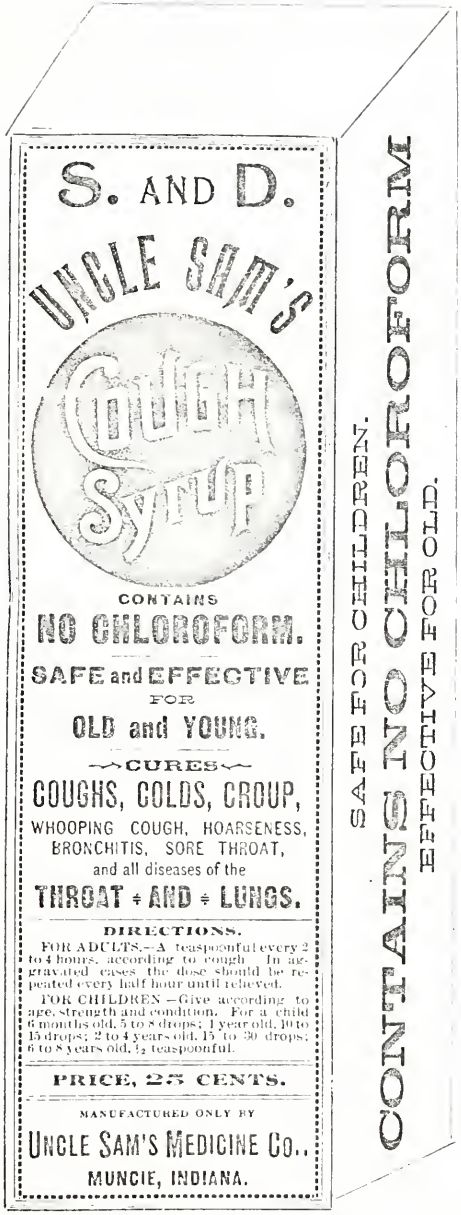
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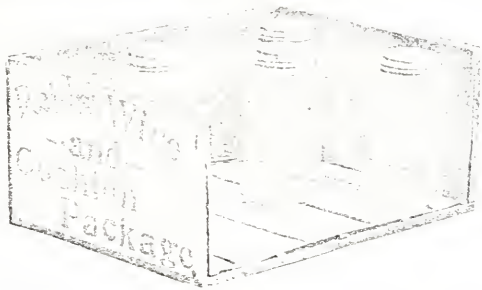

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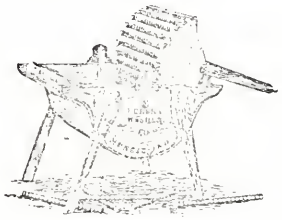

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